

...ing six sailing frigates converted

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The bill introduced by Jefferson Davis restricting the purchase of patented arms for the Government has been received as injurious to the public service. Secretary recommends that there be power to purchase blunder, cheese, and shot tobacco for our navy at private sale, and not by advertised contract. The present state and service of the various departments of the navy are then formally reported. A complimentary address is made to the President by the Secretary. Reports are as to the marine corps, surgeons, and quarter-masters, together with statistics of the various exploring expeditions. The report closes with the Secretary's report, which closes with a summary of naval estimates for the fiscal year.

Report of the Secretary of War.—His report alludes to the recent hostilities on the part of the frontier Indians in New Mexico, and especially to the Kiowa, Comanche, Payote, and Snake Indians referred to as the principal predators. The Secretary states that while the appropriate remedy would be to sustain the treaty upon a peace footing alone, the latter being subjected to the expenses of a want and sanguinary war. The Indian Government should be able to sustain the peace War Department, since it is impossible to impress the savages into obedience to the laws and military means. The Quartermaster's Bureau has expended \$1,000,000 since the Secretary went into the Department. The march from St. Louis to the frontier has been prolonged at length, and the vast disorganization of the Indian

able for removing large military forces from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The Secretary said that the Navy has been studying the problem of moving the fleet's heavy ordnance and artillery officers. They concluded that our cannon be rifled and that the Navy's fleet of James Oglethorpe-class amphibious assault ships be replaced by expanding production of the Secretary asks for an appropriation of \$100 million for the experiments for the introduction of a new class of gunships. He said that the Navy also is studying the possibility for a national arsenal for the creation of cannon.

During the year a large quantity of conventional weapons have been sent from the great arsenals to make room for more modern arms. The Secretary holds it to be an inhuman economy which sends soldiers to the front with weapons that are no longer the best weapons that can be made. He believes that the breech loading guns should shortly drive out of use those that

ferred both and the Rocky Mountains referred to. The Massachusetts, a ship of military stores, is bound for the Puget's Sound and the adjacent waters, to resist the incursions of Indians from the British and Russian provinces. — She is armed with 18 guns, and carries only one hundred warriors, and moves with great speed. They give no warning of their approach, and duly pursue with the utmost accuracy. The ship is supplied with the Massachusetts and sustains a sea-steamer of considerable speed. Fort Vancouver is advertised to. This post has been the scene of a great battle, showing the prowess of the Indians and Kiwias, to protect the emigrants to Pike's Peak.

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The revenue shows a gain of 7 per cent in 1909. The department now has \$506,424, or \$10,000 more than it had in 1908. From postmaster, etc., only available for the year, \$45,000, the actual excess of expenditures over receipts is \$45,000, the actual deficit for the current year is \$88,424. For the year ending June 30, 1908, it was \$1,546,324, and to this the cost of the mail, \$1,458,900, the cost of the fishery mail, and 700,000 for carrying matter, and the department will run for the year 1909 - 4,503,126. The department has a surplus during year of which 159,462,000 were three stamps. Of the new stamps of larger denomination, \$138,152 have been sold. The surplus is divided into three parts: envelopes for city post-boxes are to be expended at once.

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to the California service should be taken from the treasury. That cost is as follows:

	Cost, Receipts
to San Francisco (over)	\$20.00 \$19.00
via El Paso, etc., etc.	90.00 116.35
to El Paso, etc., etc.	10.00 10.00
to Lake City to Phoenix, etc.	88.25 88.25
to Antonio to Camp Stock	70.00 69.00

The service between San Antonio and Lake City has been increased this year, and will cost \$101,000, and it yet "meets every want." The Charleston, Savannah, Key West, and San Antonio routes cost \$100,000 per annum, and this, the report says, should be charged upon the general treasury. Nearly \$121,000 has been contributed by Mississippi and Louisiana. The winter grant from that nation to the great routes from New York to New Orleans has fulfilled the promises

can be reduced, so as to improve the rate. The mails are now sent daily by the central route. The department is insisting upon the prepayment of carrier's fees for letters posted in bulk, and is also making the penny-post system in Philadelphia the basis of legislation to protect city post routes, and has thus the penny-post thus far has been the only one of the new post systems declared to have failed, so now by diminishing receipts for registration. A rate of ten cents by the overland route is proposed, and the government has refused to reimburse the railroads for expenses incurred from State policy should not be continued with the same result. The government. He speaks briefly but severely of Fowler's delinquency in New York, hints

make a systematic preparation for the celebration, and remarks that if the desire is sustained by the Court, Congress will have to provide for the celebration, but, as all the lands given to it will be worthless.

Report of the Secretary at kin Treasury.

On the 1st day of July, 1901, being the announcement of the fiscal year 1902, the Treasurer of the Treasury was \$4,329,255 55 in arrears. The balance of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, exclusive of the redemption of Treasury notes, which are otherwise provided for, was \$1,000,000,000, the public debt, \$59,548,744 73, and the total sum required \$4,146,000 28, to meet a deficiency in the Post Office Department, produced

